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To Whom It May Concern:

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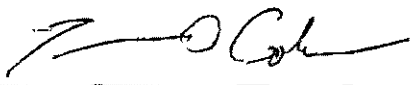
I am writing in support vacation rentals in Hawaii. As a resident of Hawaii, I would like to keep the option of permitting vacation rentals a possibility for myself and for my children as an option. It seems the more senior residents in Hawaii don't leave the future generations many options to make it in Hawaii. If you grew up past the 1970's in Hawaii, real estate has become a mere impossibility, with the prices of homes being so high.

In 1989, vacation rentals permits were discontinued. There is a much greater demand for vacation rentals today, since the explosion of internet use. Many residents who want a permit at this time were simply not old enough to even dream of owning property in 1989. I am part of that age bracket where I feel that I am simply being shut out of yet another opportunity to own a home and financially make it in Hawaii. I suspect that many of the "more senior" residents who are complaining of vacation rentals purchased their homes many decades ago, when things were actually affordable. In their "day" vacation rentals were still an option that people had to make ends meet if they needed extra income.

Many of those that complain about vacation rentals are quite well off, and may not be able to fully understand why some people feel they need to have a vacation rental to simply keep their home. They need to look at things from a different perspective.

The permitting and legalization of vacation rentals in Hawaii, would generate new tax dollars into the state, and many who run vacation rentals do not pay the tourism tax because their operation is being outlawed. In my view it is a "win-win" situation. It will help residents in Hawaii, and will enrich the state government budget.

Sincerely,



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I am writing in support vacation rentals in Hawaii. This is not a topic unique to Hawaii, but is simply the new trend in travel. The internet made it possible for tourists to view quaint vacation rentals from their home, and choose the town setting of their choice for their vacation. There are vacation rentals throughout all 50 states, and throughout the world. Hotels are no longer desirable to many travelers, especially the younger generations. The demand is to stay in a comfortable quiet place, where visitors can make their own meals, and have a more private vacation.

If we limit our tourism industry to only hotels in Waikiki, and on the outer islands, the tourism industry will most certainly start to decrease, and this trend will continue to deplete us of visitors the more and more that vacation rentals continue to become the preferred way to travel.

Many travel to "get away from it all", and we need to realize that Waikiki is not what people are in demand of. If we do not support what tourists want, we will start losing our industry to other travel destinations where a variety of lodging choices are available.

I oppose any short-term rental owner who does not respect their neighbors. Reasonable rules and Non-conforming use certificates would help curb complaints and help us coexist. If a rental owner does not comply, we should all agree the owner should not have a NUC. This is why permitting is so important.

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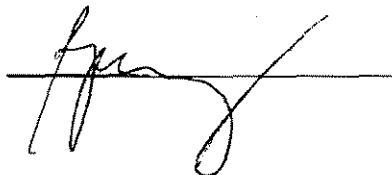
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I am writing in support vacation rentals in Hawaii. Vacation rentals in the smaller towns and cities of Hawaii are vital for the small businesses. Many towns have seen job growth, and this has opened up opportunities for residents to work closer to their homes. This helps with traffic congestion by keeping some closer to home for work, and helps with the larger traffic jams of everyone needing to get into Honolulu each day for work.

Many small businesses rely on vacation rentals to bring them business. This is true of grocery stores, gift shops, clothing stores, and restaurants. By continuing to outlaw legal vacation rental options, we are shooting our economy in the foot, state wide. Hawaii would benefit from the extra tax dollars that are brought into economy because of these rentals. Many small businesses in towns such as Waianae, Kapahulu, Kaimuki, Kohala, Kailua, Walluku, Haul, Waimea, Waimanalo, Makaha, Punalu'u and others, will loose most of their small business that cater to the new wave of visitors, and many will be forced into bankruptcy.

The state needs to realize that vacation rentals are in demand, and desire for staying at hotels and resorts are not desired or affordable to many travelers. We need to stay ahead of the curve, and offer our tourists what they want and need, or our economy will truly take a beating.

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To whom it may concern:

I grew up in Kailua and left my home for a more affordable life on the mainland. My wife, my children and I try to visit my parents, my siblings and their children each year, and the only way we have been able to make this an affordable trip is to access vacation rentals in my family's area of the island.

I support keeping vacation rentals as an option for me and my family.

Mahalo nui loa,

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I am not from Kailua, and I do not feel that Kailua residents should be deciding all the rules regarding the issue of having vacation rentals on the island of Oahu.

We need to realize that this is how most visitors throughout the world are now planning their vacations. Do we not want them to come visit us because of a few complainers? Many vacation rentals are in Waianae and Makaha. These communities need something positive like this, to stimulate and give hope to jobs in the community and financial growth, and less dependence on government types of assistance.

Mahalo for your time in this matter,

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